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Emergency Road Closure- Demolition of House Imminent

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(October 26, 2004- TROY)- The City of Troy has CLOSED down Stow Avenue in South Troy due to a building being near collapse after years of neglect. Two hours ago the City Engineer deemed the building an emergency situation. Niagara Mohawk crews and others are currently working to prepare the building for demolition Wednesday morning.

All traffic is being diverted off of Stow Avenue onto Morrison Avenue due to the extremely narrow nature of the street and the need for crews to work during the next several hours. Mayor Harry J Tutunjian said he expects the building to be taken down early Wednesday morning.

The structure is a vacant, bank owned building, and will be the second emergency demolition in Troy in as many weeks.

“Obviously shutting down an important road like Stow Avenue is an inconvenience to many people,” Tutunjian said. “Unfortunately this building has been allowed to deteriorate to the point where it presents a hazardous risk to the residents of Troy, and action must be taken immediately. We thank everyone ahead of time for their patience and understanding.”